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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX**

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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 17-Dec-04**

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
12/13	2,158	5.69	59-80	67.72	8,354
12/14	2,172	5.65	61-83	67.56	8,919
12/15	2,146	5.61	59-84	67.79	7,557
12/16	2,178	5.51	59-83	68.10	8,672
12/17	2,041	5.60	62-84	68.16	6,977
Weekly	10,694	5.61	Cumulative:	67.86	40,478

**NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 20-Dec-04**

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	64.18	64.07	60.91
Chicago	61.93	61.72	58.67
Detroit	62.20	62.20	60.17
Los Angeles	77.98	78.28	72.04
Composite Weighted Average	68.26	68.00	65.73

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 17-Dec-04**

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	128.64	3,552,742
Tenderloins	112.78	690,120
Breast - With Ribs	75.70	816,182
Breast - Line Run	69.27	525,440
Legs	39.50	1,547,060
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	28.82	2,070,993
Drumsticks	31.42	621,320
Thighs	39.21	309,240
B/S Thighs	70.00	612,920
Wings (Whole)	109.46	777,280

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 10-Dec-04**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	209,455	208,631	207,313	200,166	194,298
Chicks Placed	171,742	171,017	166,640	166,798	165,107

**SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 10-DEC-04**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	159,818	162,589	153,501
Average Live Weight	5.21	5.41	5.23
To Date 2004 (000)	7,670,555	7,510,737	-----
To Date 2003 (000)	7,537,978	7,384,477	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2004 were 1% below the previous month, but 9% above a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3% from the previous month and up 33% from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 7% from last month and down 16% from October 31, 2003.

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